

## Remembering the Fallen

### Groups make memorial to show impact of war in Iraq

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A line of red and yellow flags has lined the sidewalk of the campus quad this week, in an effort to show the impact that two wars have had on the nation.

The flags were used to display the names of over 6,000 men and women who have died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The groups who worked on the project were the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice, the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Against the War and several K-State chapters, including Young Americans for Liberty, the Ambassadors for Peace Club, Amnesty International and Students for Environmental Action.

"It's shocking at a point of impact," said Greg Covington, project sponsor for MAPJ and 1990 graduate of K-State. "It's the real human tragedy side of any act of war."

The flags will be standing side by side through Thursday, each listing the name, age and hometown of a soldier who has died during the wars. Yellow flags symbolize those who were killed in Iraq, and red flags are for the casualties from Afghanistan.

Covington said the memorial was something MAPJ was instrumental in developing three years ago with the help of K-State students affiliated with the organization. They started with around 3,500 flags, but over the years have added to the collection. There are now 6,488 of them.

People like Clareen O'Connor, sophomore in family studies and human services and president of the Ambassadors for Peace Club, worked to clean and prepare the flags for display. O'Connor said she felt the memorial was a good cause and wanted to be able to get involved with other clubs at K-State.

While there are many different opinions on the war, its purpose and oth-



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Shadows from flags honoring fallen soldiers lay cast against the blank slate of concrete as the sun goes down Tuesday evening in Waters Quad. The flags will be on display through Thursday.

er issues facing America, didn't stop groups with different ideologies from reaching out to one another and getting involved.

"I think it shows how important this issue is; that we're able to put aside our differences, to find common ground and to make progress on these issues," said Jonathan Nebel, sophomore in economics and president of K-State's Young Americans for Liberty chapter.

YAL, an organization that emphasizes libertarian ideas and the impor-

tance of applying constitutional values to the government, takes the stance that intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq needs to stop.

"The longer we stay in there, the greater problems we're going to create," Nebel said. "We advocate as soon as possible to pull out."

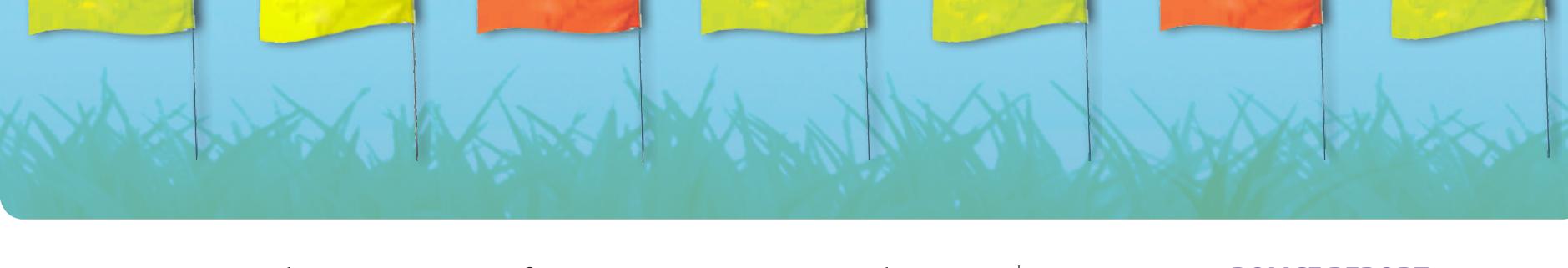
Covington said while the MAPJ is not something you would normally see working with a libertarian group, it is important to acknowledge that they have found common ground and can cooperate.

"We can stand together even if we disagree about other issues," Covington said. "We can all say as multiple groups that we don't like wars of aggression, we want to support our troops and we want to keep them home."

Recently, Covington said groups at Wichita State University and the University of Kansas worked for the same cause.

William Stewart-Starks, the vice president of KU's Young Americans

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## K-State students perform puppet show

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A group of K-State students visited the children's section of the Manhattan Public Library Monday afternoon to put on a puppet show for an audience of children and their parents. The Spring Puppet Show began at 1:30 p.m., and the students performed a variety of different stories for the children through their puppets.

Sally Bailey, associate professor of communications studies, theater and dance, is the organizer of the puppet show event, and her students were the puppeteers.

"She is the one who instigated the event and organized it," said Jennifer Adams, children's services manager at the library. "She put it all together."

The puppet show is an event that has been going on since 2000. Each semester, a new K-State class does the puppet show for the children of Manhattan.

The audience for this semester's puppet show included about 80 kids and about 60 adults, Adams said, which was a rather large crowd compared to past performances. The event lasted about 45 minutes and was held in the library's auditorium.

"The students create their own puppets from stuff they find around," Adams said. "Their shows are usually based on children's stories."

Adams said after the puppet show, the children were able to meet the puppets and play with them, as well as meet the students who per-



COURTESY PHOTO  
Children watch as students from K-State perform the Spring Puppet Show on Monday afternoon.

formed for them.

The library has several other events throughout the summer for children to attend.

Until the end of May, the library will continue their annual event where children can read with dogs. This event will last until May 23, and happens every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Each child who registers for the event is allowed a 20-minute session to read any book of their choice to a certified therapy dog. Children who attend the event 10 times will receive a free book from the library.

Adams said there is also an event that the library will be doing every

Saturday in May called Stories on the Lawn. She said there are different themes for each day; this weekend will have a Mother's Day theme.

Adams said on May 15, a firefighter and a fire truck will visit the library.

Also, starting in June, the library will begin its summer reading program for children, teenagers and adults. Sign up for the program begins on the first day of June, and those who are interested can sign up online at the library's Web site, Manhattan.lib.ks.us, or in the library.

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## POLICE REPORT

### Manhattan teen raped

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A Manhattan girl was reportedly raped earlier this week, according to the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime in the late evening hours on Sunday, possibly in the south part of Manhattan, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

The suspect is not known to the victim, but is known to her associates, Crosby said.

The victim is in her early teens and did not receive any physical injuries that required medical treatment, according to the report.

MOTORCYCLIST THROWN AFTER HITTING ELK ON HIGHWAY

A man was thrown from his motorcycle after hitting an elk earlier this week, according to another report from the RCPD.

The incident occurred sometime Monday night in the 4000 block of Calvary Road, said Crosby.

The victim, Michael Dixon, 22, of Milford, Kan., was found at midnight by the side of the road. A truck driver noticed his 1991 Harley Davidson motorcycle abandoned in the middle of the highway and called for help, Crosby said.

Dixon was airlifted to a hospital for head injuries; the report did not indicate whether he was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

#### MANHATTAN WOMAN STRUCK ON SCOOTER

A Manhattan woman was taken to the hospital after a vehicle struck her motor scooter near campus, according to another report from the RCPD.

The incident occurred at 7:15 p.m. on Monday at the intersection of North Manhattan Avenue and Old Claflin Road, said Crosby.

Morgan Lindsay, 19, of 1125 Pomeroy St., was driving a 2001 Ford Taurus northbound on North Manhattan when she made a left-hand turn and struck the victim, according to the report.

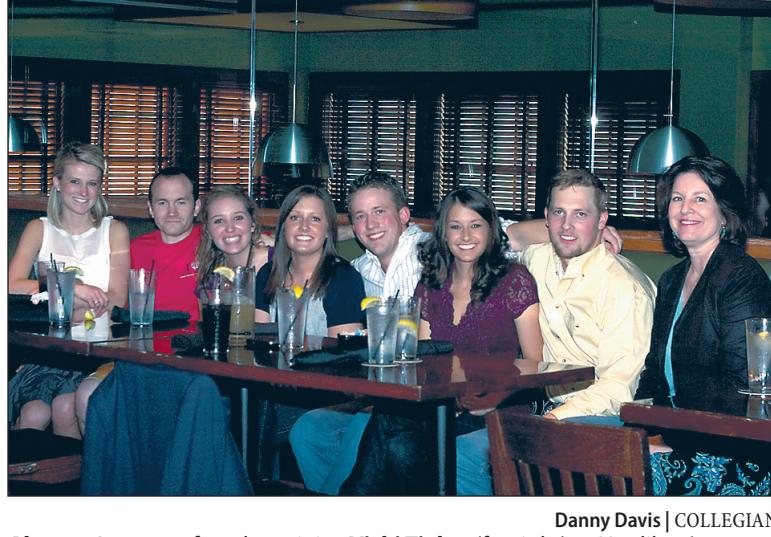
Wendy Barnes, 40, of 800 Church Ave., was driving a 2008 Twist 'N Go Venice motor scooter on Old Claflin Road when she was struck by Lindsay's vehicle, Crosby said. She was taken to Mercy Regional Hospital for injuries to the left shoulder, right knee and chin.

Lindsay was issued a citation for failure to yield right-of-way when turning left, Crosby said.





## Vicki Tiahrt dines, discusses issues with College Republicans



Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

**Above:** A group of students joins Vicki Tiahrt (far right) at Houlihan's restaurant Monday evening. Tiahrt joined them for informal discussions about issues affecting Kansas. **Right:** Tiahrt (right) fields a question last night at Houlihan's restaurant. She left the topics up to the students to decide as she invited people to talk openly.

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

In the midst of her husband's campaign for U.S. senator, Vicki Tiahrt stopped by K-State yesterday evening to visit. At Houlihan's, she dined with members from the K-State College Republicans organization and other students who are interested in the 2010 congressional elections. Her visit at K-State was one of many she has made across Kansas as she visits college campuses.

The dinner, more of an informal gathering of politically motivated students than a campaign rally, featured discussions between her and students about current issues affecting Kansas. Tiahrt said the experience of visiting college students has been rewarding. The responses from her visits have shown her that stu-

dents are aware of political issues and want to make a difference.

"Conventional wisdom tells us that college students don't matter," Tiahrt said. "That's not true."

She said Kansas students are "willing to take a stand with some blow back" and that they "don't blink" in the face of opposition. Asked what she had hoped to gain from her visit to Manhattan, Tiahrt said she hoped to "have fun and make some new Facebook friends." That lighthearted motive set the tone for the dinner as she allowed the students to discuss issues freely and openly.

Shelby Daniels, president of the College Republicans, said the idea was to visit with Tiahrt on a more personal level than in a formal meeting where she would stand and speak to an audience. Daniels said it was the first time the College Republicans



have met Tiahrt as a group.

The Kansas Federation of College Republicans recently endorsed Todd Tiahrt for his senatorial campaign. Vicki Tiahrt said that they are honored to have the endorsement and proud the College Republicans were using their voice to endorse a candidate.

"I think she's awesome," said Page Routhier, president of the KFCR, of Tiahrt. "She didn't focus too much on the campaign and allowed us to focus on our concerns and give her ideas."

Tiahrt closed her meeting with a speech to the group of people that turned out at the dinner. She

spoke about how the voices of students do not go unheard and polled the group about how many of them are considering running for election someday. To the several who raised their hands, she offered some advice, and told the students not to let money dictate their decision of whether or not to run for office.

Throughout the night, she also offered several Todd Tiahrt campaign stories from the 1990s. Most of the students would not remember the early campaigns, she said. Most notably, she recounted the 1994 election, Todd Tiahrt's first campaign, against

opponent Dan Glickman. The race was seen by critics as an unlikely win for any Republican and Glickman had superior funding, yet Todd Tiahrt won the election with 54 percent of the vote.

Courtney Hall, junior in feed science and management, said she attended the dinner gathering because she saw it as an opportunity to socialize with other college students interested in politics.

She also wanted to "get to know Vicki and what she has to say."

"Patriotism is alive and well in Kansas," Tiahrt said. "K-State students are very bold."

### CITY COMMISSION

## Lemmy's Pizzeria owner denied Cereal Malt Beverage license

Natalie Birzer | COLLEGIAN

Last night, city commissioners unanimously voted to decline a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Jason Lembright, owner of Lemmy's Pizzeria and registered sex offender. The commissioners also unanimously voted to accept the proposed plan for the Community Development Block Grant.

The commissioners decided that former K-State football player Lembright does not meet every requirement to qualify for a CMD license. In addition to meeting the objective qualifications to obtain a CMD license, a citizen must be deemed of "good character and reputation in the

community which he or she resides."

Lembright was convicted of sexual battery against a 21-year-old female in Manhattan. His 10-year sex offender registration began in 2007. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison and 25 hours of community service, which he served.

When completing his CMD license application, Lembright informed the city of his status on the sex offender registration list.

"I let everyone I hire – especially females – know I am on the [sex offender registration] list," Lembright said. "I'm not trying to hide anything. I can't change the past, but I am putting forth my best efforts to run an

honest and family-friendly business."

Before the commissioners voted, Lembright said he has raised over \$1,000 for schools in Manhattan, given leftover food from Lemmy's Pizzeria to a homeless shelter and held fundraisers for the K-State marching band.

However, commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman said, "It is difficult for me to find anyone on this list of good character."

The other commissioners said they agree with Morris-Hardeman.

"I will continue running the restaurant," Lembright said. "I get more joy out of seeing people happy when they leave my restaurant than by making mon-

ey."

Mayor Bruce Snead said this had set a precedent and hoped the commission had been fair.

The proposed plan for the CDBG outlines how the \$565,734 allotment from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development would be allocated.

Manhattan City Director of Community Development Karen Davis said the money is being divided up for use in four different categories. \$181,200 will pay for owner occupied housing rehab.

"This money will pay for things like sidewalk repairs and emergency and accessibility repairs," Davis said.

\$171,400 is being set aside for

infrastructure repairs, such as the sidewalk gaps in City Park.

Community facilities would receive \$100,000 of the grant money, which will help the Riley County Senior Center replace its roof and help with its heating and air conditioning systems.

"I am so grateful the Senior Center is included in this grant," said Jamie Ramsey, director of the Riley CSC. "We have had shingles fall off the roof and the expenses with the heating and air conditioning are adding up." \$113,134 will be used for program administration.

The commissioners unanimously accepted this plan. It will be submitted to HUD by May 14.

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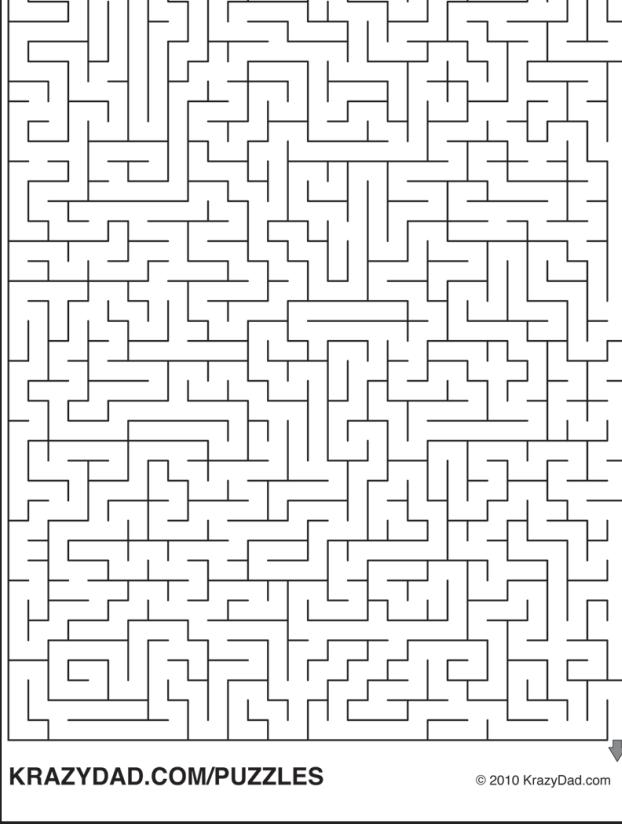
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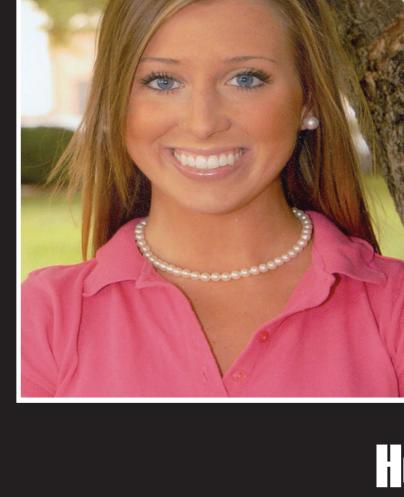
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# Emotional Rescue

## Schools need to take bullying seriously



Jill Aramowicz

Competition among peers is a healthy way to maintain relationships and motivate each other in our personal drives throughout life. However, too much of a good thing rarely yields positive results, and the increase of socially sadistic behavior among young adults is causing a deficiency not only in our moral code, but also in the current culture of our society. Cutthroat tactics and bullying are unhealthy ways to gain social status and this type of aggression demeans the character of children.

Young people are becoming not only obnoxiously mean to one another, but violent as well. If this trend continues, our children are going to end up in a society where healthy argumentation means nothing, diversity will be distorted and the principle of fear will govern our relationships.

According to a recent report issued by [Bulliestobuddies.com](http://Bulliestobuddies.com), 77 percent of elementary students said they have been bullied physically, verbally or mentally in school alone. As with all data collected in a survey, one must take into account certain caveats that are associated with the results.

For instance, was this sample of students taken in a poor, inner-city school area where this type of behavior is prevalent? Were the children from an upper-class area where status may be a primary concern on both a social and familial level?

The fact of the matter is, no matter what cross section of the socioeconomic line you choose to look at, bullying and harassment affects all areas to a similar degree, but often for different reasons. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a national survey taken from many states and different social levels shows the number of students in K-12 schools who admit they have been bullied or harassed is still at or above the 70th percentile.

But, in the eye-for-an-



Illustration by Jillian Aramowicz

eye tradition of humanity, one out of every five students surveyed also admitted they have been the one doing the bullying themselves. And these are just the kids who have owned up to it in a survey; one can assume that there might be more than 20 percent of kids doing the bullying when over 70 percent admit to it happening. The question is, why do girls and boys feel the urge to partake in such behavior, especially when there is so much evidence of the damage that bullying inflicts? Case in point: Columbine High School, April 20, 1999.

According to [Psychologytoday.com](http://Psychologytoday.com), most Americans, including school personnel, do not take student violence very seriously. Part of this is because a truly smart bully won't let him- or herself get caught. However, there are certainly cases where the person in question doesn't care whether or

not there are repercussions or whether they are caught in the act because of their own personal motive, or lack thereof. The fact of the matter is, though, bullying is a serious issue and by ignoring statistics and subtle signs among children, we are not only ignoring the elephant in the room, but even encouraging it to create a stampede.

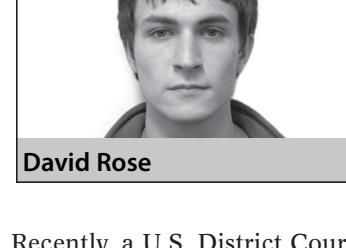
Of course, the actual mentality behind violent behavior is deeply rooted in an individual person's psychology. Some psychologists claim the struggle for power between two young individuals is fueled by a mild case of sadism, or in layman's terms, the inflictor of the pain likes to see the victim suffer. However, a more widely accepted view is that bullies actually engage in unpleasant behavior because they themselves do not have high self-esteem. By making someone else look bad, the perpetrator gets temporary satisfac-

tion about their own self-worth. This is common in many situations in life, but when it begins in childhood, should we not try to make a greater effort to control it?

Throughout history, there have been periods of exacerbated bullying. For example, the entire civil rights struggle in the 1960's was essentially a division of power between one race feeling entitled to power and another suffering from the consequences. The difference between a national social disaster and realigning how schools tackle harassment all comes down to the same psychology. If we can start proactively attacking the issues that are plaguing the youth of America, perhaps we can secure a better future for all sectors of the working world.

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## Court should support ruling concerning Day of Prayer



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Recently, a U.S. District Court judge ruled a law requiring the president to set a national day of prayer unconstitutional. For nearly 60 years, this law forced our quite secular government to act in a very non-secular way, and despite Obama's promise to appeal to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, the decision should stand.

Judge Barbara Crabb declared the law unconstitutional on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment's establishment clause. Consistent with prior court decisions, Judge Crabb found the Day-of-Prayer law intended not only to acknowledge the existence of religion (as the government is allowed to do) but also encouraged citizens to pursue a religious practice (which it is not allowed to do). The law favored some religious interpretations over others, and, in my opinion, a particularly Judeo-Christian one.

The history of the courts' decisions shows a clear stance against allowing the federal government to endorse religion, even in simple ways such as promoting prayer. Thus Obama, who is a constitutional law scholar, should know exactly how the appellate court and even the Supreme Court will interpret the law. If taken to the top, the law requiring a national day of prayer will, and should, be ruled unconstitutional.

Furthermore, the ruling has a foundation in both constitutional law and in reason. For those who are non-religious or who choose not to pray, the ruling comes as a welcome continuation of the separation of church and state as promised by our founders. For those who are religious but choose not to pray at the command of a single political figure, the decision comes as a logical confirmation of the secular nature of our government.

Still, some will surely disagree by saying, much like House Minority Leader John Boehner did, that the ruling goes against years of tradition or that it ignores the beliefs of millions of Americans. To them, I say that this law protects your religious beliefs as much as it does mine. We should never allow our federal government to legitimize itself by letting it combine political and religious authority. For many people, prayer represents a very important and powerful act, and it is because of its power that we should not let the federal government use it. Instead, the government should always pursue a secular purpose, ensuring its policies benefit people of all beliefs by not discriminating in favor of or against any of them.

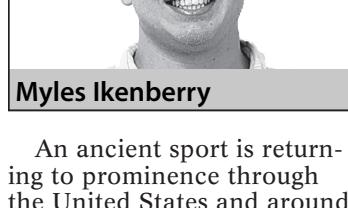
According to Judge Crabb, the government has no more right to encourage its citizens to pray than it does to "encourage citizens to fast during the month of Ramadan, attend a synagogue, purify themselves in a sweat lodge or practice rune magic." These kinds of decisions, whether to attend religious ceremonies, pray or fast, should be left to individuals and to mosques, temples, synagogues and churches, not to the federal government.

The law establishing a national day of prayer was far from the worst violations of church and state, but it raises a bigger question of how the federal government should behave in relation to religion. Do we need "In God We Trust" on our currency? Do we need the Ten Commandments in our courthouses? Do we need our president to be sworn in on a Bible? Of course not. We as individuals and as a country are stronger than that. These are the tactics of long forgotten kings and weak modern states like Iran, not the most powerful and prosperous nation in the world. Our actions don't need to be legitimized by some people's religious interpretation, but by the good nature of the actions themselves.

In the interests of all people, the federal government should refrain from promoting any kind of religion, thus giving all beliefs equal protection under the law.

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## Students should consider mixed martial arts for sport



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An ancient sport is returning to prominence through the United States and around the world, a competition that has taken uncountable forms since the dawn of mankind. Ever-evolving, simple and yet intricately complex, mixed martial arts is steadily gaining popularity at the expense of boxing and other sports.

MMA competition allows for maximum freedom and variety of attacks within some limits of safety, opening its doors to practitioners of all the martial arts of the world. Although all are welcome, there is one form of martial arts that tends to dominate all others, a grappling art known as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Studies conducted by John Hopkins University and other institutions have shown that MMA involves fewer concussions, serious injuries and deaths than comparable sports. For example, many NFL players end up with

life-long pain in their knees, backs, elbows and hips, while professional boxers often suffer damage to motor skills, cognitive abilities and emotional intelligence.

Compared to boxing, MMA allows a greater variety of strikes, including more dangerous strikes such as knees and elbows, which carry an increased chance of concussion.

However, MMA is associated with a significantly lower risk of brain damage because the number of strikes landed is much lower. Although professional boxers often take hundreds of blows to the head in single bout, it's not uncommon for an MMA fight to end with only a few strikes landed.

As with boxing, kickboxing, Judo, karate, taekwondo and other fighting arts, BJJ develops particularly strong friendships, healthy eating habits, self-control and work ethic. Because of the substantial positive effects gained as a result of training in combat sports, there are many medical doctors who support the activities in spite of the risk of injuries.

Support for MMA comes not only from medical doctors, but even from minis-

tries such as the Canyon Creek Church outside of Seattle. Pastors like Brandon Beals understand that they can draw in young men to the ministry by emphasizing the importance of strength and responsibility and spreading an understanding of the links between spiritual and worldly strength.

Eighteen months ago, I was at a MMA competition watching a friend from high school compete in his second amateur event. There was a guy from Salina who had the amateur title belt for his weight class and was very cocky. He got submitted in the first round by an opponent with obviously superior skill and technique. When I was asking who the new belt holder was and where he was from, they said, "That's Eric Dietrich, from Manhattan."

A couple months later I saw Eric mop up another champion in the first round, and after the fights were over I was lucky enough to have a chance to talk to him in the crowd. I mentioned that I also live in Manhattan, and Eric invited me to train at his gym.

After a little jaw drop/eye pop, I decided I would give it a try. Today the invitation ex-

tends to other K-State students interested in competition or simply in learning one of the most effective methods of self-defense in the world.

Joe "The Nose" Wilk operates the Combative Sports Center, located at 2048B Tuttle Creek Blvd., below the International Foods Store. In

addition to weekday BJJ classes from 6-8 pm, Wilk occasionally holds weekend seminars and brings in world-class instructors, such as three-time BJJ black belt world champion Léo Peçanha. Back in February, the CSC team traveled to Omaha and became the 12th Best of the Best ProAms BJJ Adult Team Champions.

A few weeks ago the team returned to the Omaha area to watch Wilk and Peçanha win professional MMA fights in the Victory Fighting Championships. Unsurprisingly, the CSC team has a similarly impressive record in amateur MMA, although no one has sat down to figure it out precisely. The reason for the astonishing dominance echoes from wherever CSC gathers: JIU-JITSU OR DIE!

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## AWKWARD GRAD

## If she really wants me



Adam Reichenberger

I had "NO" written in black ink on the inside of my wrist.

"What's that?" she asked, picking up my arm from the cold concrete and holding it up so that my hand dangled like a mobile hanging over us.

I didn't want her to see this. This wasn't for her.

"It says 'ON; see?" I tried so hard to magically twist my arm around just then but it wouldn't go.

The hard museum floor wasn't getting any less cold.

"What is it, Adam?" I think she was concerned it might mean something else.

Lesser of two evils.

"It's you," I said.

I thought about explaining, but there was nothing to explain. "It's just you," I iterated quietly, almost to myself.

She slid farther from me and stood so quickly. My arm dropped to my chest. She walked away.

And that was that. I don't remember the last time I saw her.

Lying there alone, though, I realized for the first time the floor wasn't really all that cold.

Summer is upon us and while my mind is never far from love, I look forward to the next few months and all of their slight misunderstandings with grave anticipation.

It's time to find places to go and people to take there. My usual route is to pick a place and not really take the time to figure out how to get there; just do it. And naturally I go through the hierarchy of people to go with. First is the girlfriend, but since she doesn't exist, any girl will do, as long as she's willing to rub my inner thigh while I drive. Nothing sexual. Just the thigh.

Next on the list is just to go it alone and since that's what it always comes to there's no reason to discuss the third and fourth tiers, though they do exist.

But lately, I've really gotten hooked on the idea of bringing someone with me. I never used to do this and I don't know why I try to now. I used to always travel alone under the impression I'll meet whomever wherever. But now I find myself asking girls under some false hope that it will be what it never was, only to find that it is never what I wanted in the first place. I can think of one trip I've taken with a girl that was as good as it should have been. The rest of the time it's been dreadfully subpar. You wouldn't think it would be that hard just to enjoy yourself.

So I'm going to Aspen, Colo., and I'm not bringing anyone. I've met two girls there already, though one turned out to be nuts and the other, well we got along real well before we knew each other's names. After she introduced herself as "Jazz King," though, I might have told her off. Turns out it was Jasmine and I misheard. I just thought she was being pretentious. I might have been drunk, too. No reason not to rekindle that.

So love sucks, sure, but I love it and it is summer after all, so it's got that going for it, too. Summer love is any moment away and while they've all failed monumentally thus far, I'm always looking forward to the next.

So go get yours and if you lose, come visit me at the Gant. There's always love at the Gant.

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## Great Escape



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## Planning, researching crucial for summer fun

As classes come to an end, many students spend time daydreaming about their summer plans, which range from heading home to getting a summer job to taking summer classes and all sorts of other activities. However, I don't think it would be too far of a stretch to say most students will also have some kind of summer shenanigans dancing around in their heads. Whether it be a road trip, family vacation or a crazy weekend, planning will be essential to guarantee summer fun.

## KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING

When planning a vacation, researching the basics of when, where and how much will pay off in the long run. While winging it might seem like a thrill the moment the trip begins, it could turn into a nightmare upon arriving at a vacation spot with no vacancies or less than adequate accommodations. Researching should be the first building block upon which a trip is planned. It can be fairly simple, requiring only a few clicks on the computer. Most cities have visitor's Web sites to provide information about tourist attractions, hotel and restaurant locations, local festivals, concerts, shopping scenes and transit information. From there, use a hotel booking site, like [Hotels.com](http://Hotels.com) or [Priceline.com](http://Priceline.com) to book living accommodations.

As for travel arrangements, keep the same things in mind. It takes little effort to look up bus or air fares online, and it never hurts to consider driving. Getting there is half the journey.

Before leaving the city limits, make sure basic arrangements are made and have a general idea of what to do upon arrival. It will reduce stress and make the trip more enjoyable.

## BUDGET YOUR EXPENSES

This is where researching will really come into play. Start out by setting up a budget based on the given travel expenses, living accommodations and food; build around those items by adding in things like souvenirs and the unforeseen (because unexpected expenditures are bound to appear). Keep all receipts and bills to keep a tab on spending. (Use the calculator on a cell phone if necessary.)

This is to check to see how close spending will line up with the budget.

## STAY-CATIONS

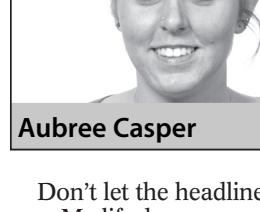
Everyone deserves to live it up for a portion of the summer and cost should not deter even the most destitute college student. A night out here or there won't break the bank. Nor will occasional barbecues with a group of friends, especially if they're potluck. Additionally, a staycation does not require a stay-cationer to be a shut-in. Go see a movie, have a picnic in the park or go for a swim at Pillsbury Cossing. A trip to Topeka is only roughly an hour away and as a last resort there's no place like your parents' home. (Free food, free board and a familiar setting.)

While it can be hard to follow a plan, I highly recommend setting one up even if the basic parts of the plan are the only parts that are adhered to, because "luck favors the prepared."

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## COLLEGE MOM

## Cruising, fine dining become a way of life



Aubree Casper

Don't let the headline fool you. My life, by no means, has become a retiree's dream.

In fact, it has become any overly worried parents' worst nightmare. Emaline has decided to go wireless, and no longer requires constant attachment and chauffeuring from the parents. I spend more time catching falls and yanking "danger" out of her hands than anything else these days. I wished so long for Emaline's independence and now that it's here, I'm about ready to have my little lovey lump back.

On a quest for more independence, Emaline has mastered the art of cruising. In baby terms,

this means using any stable-looking piece of person or furniture to sort of side-step around the room. Think of how one might stumble into their apartment and into bed after a long night of partying and multiply that by about three. That's the mess I deal with all day long. Of course I love it, except for the few times I've underestimated the speed and stamina of this cruising and had to rescue a psychology paper from her drooling mouth after taking my eyes off of her for a few seconds.

And why is her mouth so drooly, you might ask? It could be the fact that three months of teething are about to come to fruition, or because my little food monster has decided that baby formula and even simple baby food just won't cut the mustard any more. Yes, we must dine on exquisite cuisine such as dinosaur chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and even the Cheerios with a touch of golden honey, or else our other new activity called

"throwing" comes into play.

Lately, however, we have decided that cruising isn't the most effective mode of transportation (aka, making sure Mommy and Daddy are in full view 24/7), and have decided, at 10 months of age, to take up crawling.

Don't picture the typical Pamper's Cruisers baby commercial of a little tyke on all fours happily bounding across the room. It's more like a army crawl through a jungle marsh, legs dragging, tongue out in concentration with a strained look completing the hilarious action.

Even though Emaline has kept us more than preoccupied (just in time for finals, of course), her cute new habits are definitely outweighing the more time-consuming ones.

Our favorite is when we can get her to give us kisses. In a manner much like an awkward teen on a first date, Emaline slowly moves in, eyes open, and delivers an open-mouthed smackeroo. It's a sweet gesture

that makes my whole day amazing, but we are going to have to break the news about closing the mouth eventually. Sadly, the only way to get her to do this, is to say "Can I have a kiss-kiss?" and approach her with a slightly opened mouth as well (which we either close and/or turn so she can deliver a big wet one on our cheek).

Imperfect actions make perfect memories and I can't wait to see how much Emaline takes off as we approach the big 0-1 in July. She jabbers all the time, and I can't wait for her nonsense rambling to become big-girl sentences. Our newest word is "duck", which she is very, very proud of herself for repeating as "dut," and claps for herself while wailing "yaaaaaaaaay" over and over again as we do.

If I could do nothing with my life but cheer her on in every second of every stage, my life would be fulfilled.

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## STREET TALK

## Q: What are your summer plans?



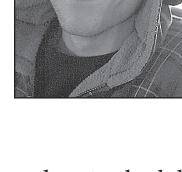
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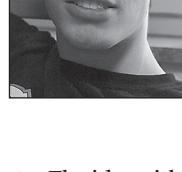
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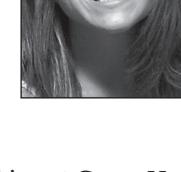
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# For Love of the Game



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

**Nick Martini**, center fielder, throws the ball toward second base during the March 30 game in Manhattan against Wichita State University.

## Left-handed, right on track, down for a challenge

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Maybe it's the familiar sliding shorts and T-shirt he has worn under his jersey since he earned an All-American selection last season. Maybe it's the off-season time he spent learning to strike out less and make contact at the plate more. Maybe it's the fact he has been playing the game since age 5. Maybe it's a combination of all three.

Whatever the case, lefty center fielder Nick Martini is doing something right. According to the stats on *Kstatesports.com*, the sophomore's .418 batting average (as of May 4) is the

highest on the team by a decent margin; the second highest average belongs to senior infielder Adam Muenster.

His .532 on-base percentage also tops the team. Martini said knowing his abilities, recognizing what pitches he can hit and being able to drive the ball are what have made him so successful at the plate. He said being a left-handed hitter is also helpful because there are more right-handed pitchers.

Martini played left field last season, but moved to center field for his sophomore stint with the team. Switching positions is always somewhat of an adjustment, but Martini said he

is becoming more accustomed to the new territory.

"I think it was a little difficult at first because I had to cover more ground, but I think I'm getting into it, and it's a lot easier now," Martini said. "They're in a big conference, play good competition, and I just wanted to challenge myself."

Martini entered play against Chicago State last week as the Big 12's leading hitter, and two hits and a run improved his average to .441.

The sophomore has been playing baseball since he was about 5 years old, he said. His dad, Scott, who played golf at Northeastern Illinois, got him

into the game, and it took off from there.

"He taught me pretty much everything I know about baseball," Martini said.

Martini said his family has been very supportive of his career and they come to a lot of games. He said Manhattan is much smaller than his hometown of Crystal Lake, Ill., and there is not as much to do, but he has adjusted well.

Martini said he honestly does not know what in particular about the game has kept him hooked on it for so many years, but he said his favorite part is interacting with the team and having fun out in practice.

## Nutter's Midweek Musings



Justin Nutter

- K-State fans have given the Bat Cats some pretty awesome support over the last two seasons. They've broken the single game attendance record multiple times, and I fully expect that mark to get shattered once again when the Longhorns come to town.

- Let's face it: everyone will probably already need a break from studying for finals, and it doesn't cost anything to get it. The Wildcats have had Texas' number in recent years – in pretty much every sport, but what else is new – and K-State has been phenomenal at home this season.

- Let's not forget, though, Texas enters the Little Apple ranked No. 1 in the country and is riding a long win streak.

- Sounds pretty similar to basketball season, doesn't it? Nonetheless, it should make for a great series. If you have the time, you should really get out to the stadium.

- Something else to watch for: if senior third baseman Adam Muenster can record a hit in both midweek games against Minnesota, he'll enter the weekend series tied with teammate Nick Martini for the longest hitting streak in school history.

- Martini set the mark at 26 games earlier this season. Both are hitting over .400 this year and are probably destined to play at the next level. Even head coach Brad Hill has said he's pretty awed by the duo's ability to hit the ball.

- In other news, I spotted former basketball star Michael Beasley at the K-State track meet last weekend. I must admit, that's the last place I thought I'd run into him, but it was good to see him back in Manhattan either way.

- Speaking of Beasley, I hear he's getting a pretty bad rep in Miami. That's what my sources tell me, anyway. I haven't followed the NBA since Michael Jordan played against Karl Malone. In all honesty, I added this comment to fill space.

- I know I vowed last fall to never comment on the Royals again, but I can't resist. Zack Greinke is good. Joakim Soria is good. Billy Butler is good. The rest of the team is bad, plain and simple. Kansas City's only World Series trophy is older than me. Yet, I come back every year. Don't ask me why.

- It's not like I have the Chiefs – also known as the Junior Patriots – to fall back on any more, either. I thought the organization was going places when Carl Peterson and Herm Edwards were shown the door, but now I'm second – guessing that theory.

- Any time there's a light at the end of the tunnel – for either KC franchise – someone within the organization turns it off. Seems kind of counter-productive if you ask me. But what do I know? I'm just a sports writer.

- I guess that wraps up the final installment of my midweek musings. I hope you've enjoyed (or at least survived) reading them for the last couple semesters. It's been fun. Best of luck to everyone on finals and, as always, EMAW.

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## K-State works to recruit in-state athletic talent

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

It's no big secret that the state of Kansas isn't regarded as a hotbed for recruiting in college athletics. It's also no big secret that K-State doesn't exactly compare to the likes of Texas, Ohio State or Notre Dame – at least by athletic standards.

However, despite lacking a household name or a plethora of highly touted recruits, Wildcat teams have enjoyed much success since the inception of the Big 12 Conference in 1996. K-State's five top-tier programs – football, volleyball, baseball and men's and women's basketball – have all enjoyed significant time in the national spotlight over the last 14 seasons. For the most part, they've all done it by taking advantage of one particular source: homegrown talent.

As of the 2010 spring semester, 178 student athletes comprised the rosters of the teams previously mentioned. Of those 178 athletes, 63 were born and raised in the Sunflower State. For all you math whizzes, that's 35.4 percent of athletes who stayed in their own state. While college might be a great opportunity to move out and start life on your own, there are some obvious perks to staying close to home.

"If [kids are] from around here, I certainly think it is a draw to be able to have the people you care about in the stands and be able to

watch most of your matches," head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz said. "It's certainly a lot more fun, I think, than some of the players that really don't get that opportunity. To have that support structure in place, I think it's helpful for just the overall success of the student athlete."

Fritz, who took over as the Wildcats' head coach in 2001, inherited a team that was regarded as the elite volleyball program in the state at the time. She has kept that trend alive, as K-State has been a mainstay in the national polls – save a few seasons – during her tenure. That recent tradition, of course, plays a large role when a player from Kansas makes her college choice.

However, not all K-State's programs have the luxury of calling themselves the state's elite program. For instance, in the world of baseball, Wichita State has reigned supreme in Kansas for the last quarter century. That can make things a little difficult for K-State head coach Brad Hill and company.

"I think what you have going on in Kansas is you have three Division-I programs in a small state," Hill said. "That makes it very competitive. You have one program that's had tradition for 25 years and they've had their pick of the litter. Most kids want to play in successful programs,

so any time you have success, I think it opens up some doors maybe you haven't gotten into

in the past."

That success came in a big way for the Wildcats in 2009 when they won a school record 43 games, soared into the national rankings and advanced to their first NCAA regional in club history. That momentum carried over into this season, as K-State is currently ranked No. 20 in the nation and is second in the conference standings.

According to Hill, who is in his seventh year in Manhattan, any time a team enjoys that kind of season, it can make a big difference in the eyes of a recruit – particularly one from your school's state.

"Number one, you want to go after in-state kids," he said. "We're doing a better job of getting in there. Definitely, this is the first place we want to start. I think [last season's success] helped for us a little bit this year."

Like Fritz, Hill acknowledged that most athletes want their friends and families to be able to see them play, and he added that K-State's conference provides them with plenty of opportunities to do just that.

"The Big 12 offers [parents] the chance to see their kids," he said. "When we play in Missouri, Nebraska or Oklahoma, that's not that bad of a drive for parents to be able to go watch them play."

## Wildcats down Minnesota in midweek game

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

No. 20 K-State rebounded from a tough weekend in Norman, Okla., as it defeated the Minnesota Golden Gophers 12-6 Tuesday night at Tointon Family Stadium.

The Wildcats used an early offensive outburst to distance themselves from the Gophers and were able to hold off the boys from Minnesota to collect their 31st win of the year. It was the Wildcats' first win in seven tries against Minnesota all-time.

K-State jumped all over Gopher starter Allen Bechstein in the first as the team tallied three runs on three hits, including a two-run triple by sophomore sensation Nick Martini. Martini, who leads the Big 12 Conference in batting average, went 4-for-6 on the night and drove in three runs.

In the second inning, it was more of the same for Bechstein, who was touched up for four more runs on four more hits by K-State. Junior Carter Jurica pounded his second double of the night scoring sophomore Jake Brown and senior Adam Muenster for the first two runs. Muenster, who went 2-for-5, extended his hitting streak to 25 games, which is now second in

school history behind Martini, who recorded a 26-game streak earlier this season.

Junior Kent Urban and sophomore Mike Kindel also added RBI-singles in the four-run second inning which pushed the K-State lead to 7-0. Martini singled in Muenster in the third to extend the lead to eight and chase Bechstein.

Wildcat starter Kayvon Bahramzadeh was effective for K-State through three scoreless innings before giving up a solo shot in the fourth to Nick O'Shea. Minnesota continued to rally in the fifth off the sophomore right-hander as they churned out three runs and four hits to close the gap to 6-4 and end Bahramzadeh's night.

K-State turned the game over to freshman reliever Tyler Giannonati, who worked out of a sixth inning bases-loaded jam to pick up his second win of the year. Giannonati worked three innings and gave up six hits and two runs with three strikeouts.

With the outcome still in doubt, Jurica sparked a big inning for the Wildcats in the seventh with a one-out towering blast over the trees in left field. It was Jurica's seventh home run of the year. K-State

would tack on three more runs, including a two-run double by freshman Blair DeBord that brought the score to 12-4.

K-State pounded out 18 hits on the evening including four from Jurica, who also had three RBIs and scored three runs. Senior Daniel Dellasega also added a double and was hit-by-pitch twice, which broke the Big 12 record for hit-by-pitch in a season with 25. Muenster and Martini each added a stolen base to Jurica for the team lead with 17.

Head Coach Brad Hill was pleased with his performances on the mound after a rough weekend against the Sooners in which they gave up 38 runs. "That was good stuff," Hill said. "I challenged them pretty hard after that Oklahoma game and they responded really well tonight."

The two-game series concludes today at Tointon Family Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m., and it is 50-cent hot dog day at the stadium.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

K-State's pitcher warms up during the series against Chicago State on April 27. The Wildcats won both games in the matchup.

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## Working Hard



Erin Poppe | COLLEGIAN

Focused on the week ahead, Carolyn Gatewood, freshman in secondary education, makes note cards for her looming finals.

## MEMORIAL | Groups honor soldiers with flags



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Yellow flags represent those who died in Iraq, while red ones represent those fallen in Afghanistan. There are over 6,000 flags in Waters Quad, each one honoring an individual soldier.

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for Liberty chapter and an Iraq veteran himself, said they focus on the cost of war, not only monetary, but the lives lost and those who will have to deal with life-long injuries.

"We have a lot of vets who are exposing the system for what is it," Stewart-Starks said. "When we go to war, there are a lot of sacrifices that are going to be taken, there's a lot of collateral damage and lives displaced."

Stewart-Starks said there is also currently an interest to mobilize an Iraq

and Afghanistan Veterans Against the War group in the Manhattan area.

Also on board for helping with the memorial display was Students for Environmental Action. SEA promotes the education of environmental issues as well as action that can help protect the planet.

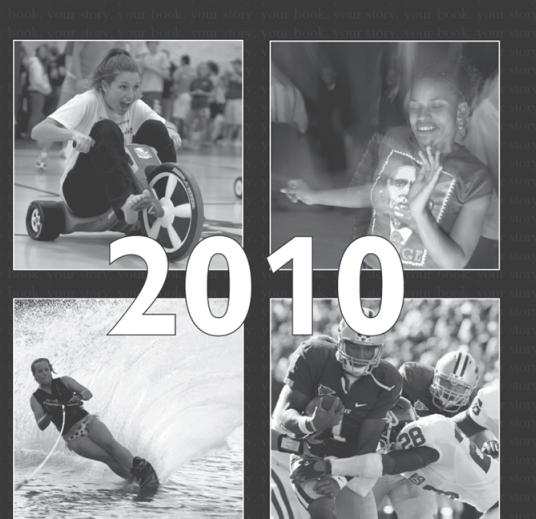
Zack Pistora, senior in political science and president of SEA, said war is an unhealthy relationship between us and the environment.

"War has a negative impact on people and the relationship with each other and the planet," Pistora

said. "We're touching weapons on grounds that were habitats, and warfare has led to pollution of water."

Pistor said he thinks it is important that different kinds of groups are working together toward the same goal. He said while these clubs have different priorities, they all have the same values and should start cooperating.

"We're all in the same world together," Pistora said. "When you see the flags in the quad, you're getting a small glimpse at what our actions have done."



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## Cinco de Mayo gains popularity

Vestoria Simmons | COLLEGIAN

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the French army, and is now a widely celebrated Mexican holiday with festivities celebrating Mexican culture, food, music and customs unique to Mexico.

Primarily, Cinco De Mayo is a regional holiday celebrated in Mexico, the grandest celebrations in the state of Puebla.

The increasing population of people with Mexican heritage has brought the celebration to the U.S.

Quite a few cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week leading up to May 5th. Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday and it is now being adopted into the holiday calendar of more people every year.

Purple Pig, a bar in Aggierville, will offer drinks specials for the day including

\$3.25 lime margaritas on the rocks and \$3 tequila sunrises.

"This is my seventh Cinco De Mayo down here in Aggierville and each year the celebration gets bigger," said Keith Eyestone, owner and manager of Purple Pig.

Matt Pray, marketing director for K-State Union Foodservice, said Salsa Rita's plans to decorate with balloons and multicolored ribbons around the restaurant in celebration of the holiday.

Salsa Rita's will also be giving out 4 piñatas full of candy to whoever is standing at the registers at certain times of the day.

Members of Salsa Rita's Facebook page can print off coupons for a small chicken or beef burrito and a drink for \$5. The \$5 price represents the fifth day of May, Cinco De Mayo.

Pray said the festivities at Salsa Rita's celebrate the day and make it fun for K-State students.

## PUPPETS | Library offers summer programs

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By signing up, participants can keep track of their time spent reading or listening to books by logging hours online at the Web site, or on a chart. All children up to sixth grade will receive prizes for reading five, 10 and 20 hours.

Adams said the kick-off party for the summer reading program will be held June 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the library's

lawn, located at 629 Poyntz Ave.

"There will be a band on the lawn, and we will be encouraging kids and adults to sign up for summer reading," Adams said. "There will also be games and activities."

For more information about the library's events for the rest of May or for the summer, visit the library's Web site, [Manhattan.lib.ks.us](http://Manhattan.lib.ks.us), or call the information desk at 785-776-4741.

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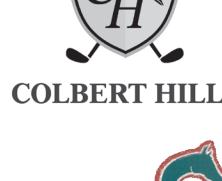
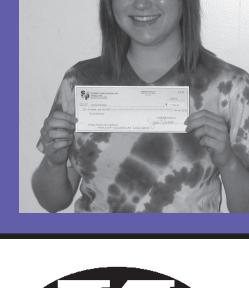
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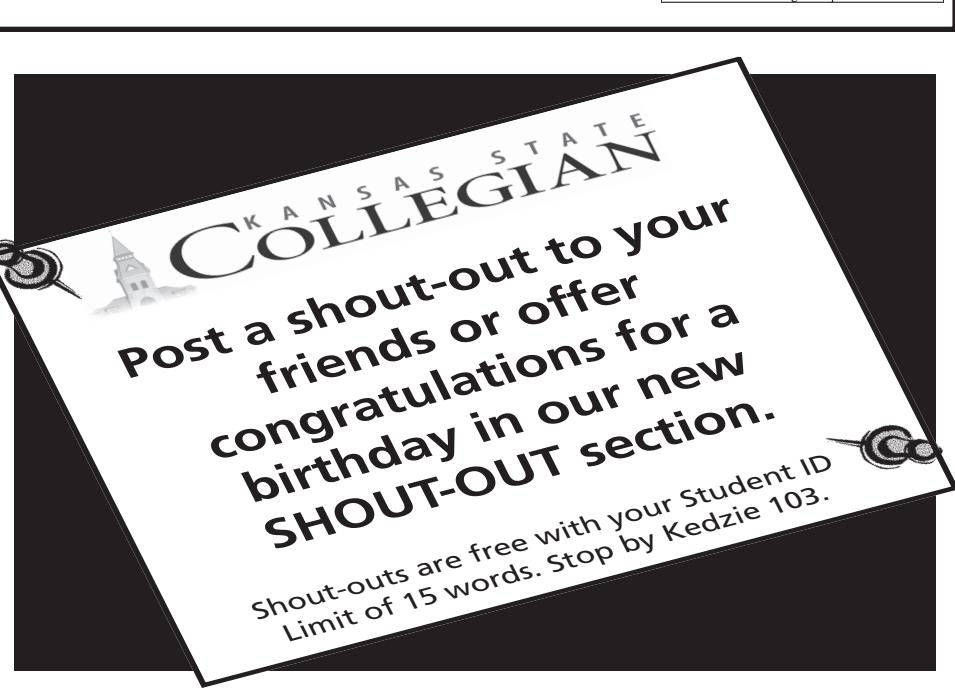
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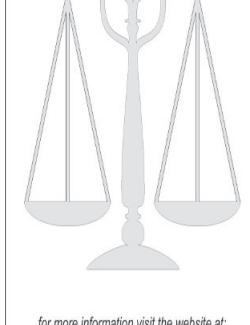
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